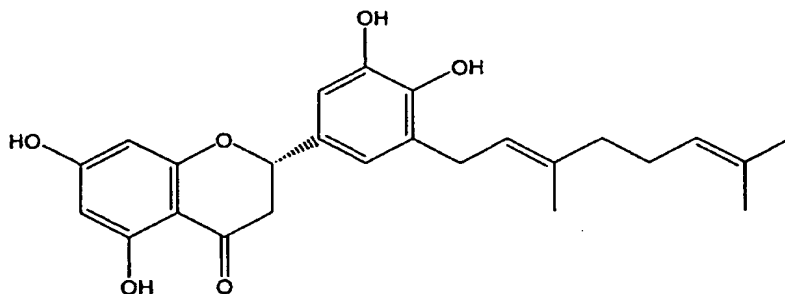


CLAIMS

1. A flavanone compound characterized in that the compound is represented by the structural formula:



2. An antioxidant characterized by containing a flavanone compound according to claim 1.

10 3. An antimicrobial agent characterized by containing a flavanone compound according to claim 1.

4. An antitumor agent characterized by containing a flavanone compound according to claim 1.

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5. A food and beverage product characterized by containing a flavanone compound according to claim 1.

6. The food and beverage product according to claim 5,
20 characterized in that the concentration of the flavanone compound contained in the food and beverage product is 50 ppm or more.

7. The food and beverage product according to claim 5,
25 characterized in that the concentration of the flavanone compound contained in the food and beverage product is 50 ppm to 10,000 ppm.

8. A cosmetic characterized by containing a flavanone compound according to claim 1.

9. A quasi-drug characterized by containing a flavanone compound according to claim 1.

10. A pharmaceutical characterized by containing a flavanone compound according to claim 1.

11. An antioxidant characterized by containing at least one flavanone compound selected from nymphaeol-A, nymphaeol-B and nymphaeol-C.

12. An antimicrobial agent characterized by containing at least one flavanone compound selected from nymphaeol-A, nymphaeol-B and nymphaeol-C.

13. An antitumor agent characterized by containing at least one flavanone compound selected from nymphaeol-A, nymphaeol-B and nymphaeol-C.

14. A food and beverage product characterized by containing at least one flavanone compound selected from nymphaeol-A, nymphaeol-B and nymphaeol-C.

15. The food and beverage product according to claim 14, characterized in that the concentration of the flavanone compound contained in the food and beverage product is 30 ppm or more.

16. The food and beverage product according to claim 14, characterized in that the concentration of the flavanone compound contained in the food and beverage product is 30 ppm to 10,000 ppm.

17. A cosmetic characterized by containing at least one flavanone compound selected from nymphaeol-A, nymphaeol-B and nymphaeol-C.

5 18. A quasi-drug characterized by containing at least one flavanone compound selected from nymphaeol-A, nymphaeol-B and nymphaeol-C.

10 19. A pharmaceutical characterized by containing at least one flavanone compound selected from nymphaeol-A, nymphaeol-B and nymphaeol-C.